

## PROPOSAL EVALUATION

### *Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant*

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| PIN           | 4156                             | COUNTY             | Multiple Counties |
| APPLICANT     | Western Municipal Water District | AMOUNT REQUESTED   | \$495,000         |
| PROJECT TITLE | WMWD IRWM Plan                   | TOTAL PROJECT COST | \$684,000         |

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Focus on the planning time horizons from 2005 to 2050, by looking at five year increments of water demands and supplies for all of the water agencies within the District's service boundary.

**WORK PLAN - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has a detailed and specific work plan that adequately documents the proposal. Weighting factor is 3.**

**Score: 9**

**Comment:** The proposal includes a three phase project. Phases 1 and 2 (technical studies and plan development) are funded by the applicant's matching funds. Phase 3 (preparation of EIR) would be funded by the grant. The work plan includes several sub-tasks under Phase 3, but the budget and schedule arrange these into just two tasks. The budget could have used more detail on the assumptions and documentation. In addition, several of the identified tasks in Phases 1 and 2 are vague general statements rather than clear descriptions of work activities. The schedule indicates that the IRWMP will be adopted on March 2, 2007.

**DESCRIPTION OF REGION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented a detailed and specific description that adequately documents the region. Weighting factor is 1.**

**Score: 5**

**Comment:** The applicant adequately presents a detailed and specific description of the region. The region is described as part of western Riverside County within the Santa Ana and Santa Margarita watersheds and is supplied water by the applicant directly and through local purveyors. A map is provided showing the boundary of the applicant's service area, as well as boundaries of its customers, but the watershed boundaries are not shown on the map. The proposal describes the various conveyances by which imported water is delivered to the region as well as local water demand. It also describes major regional water issues, local groundwater supply and water quality. There appears to be overlap between this proposal and PIN #4558.

**OBJECTIVES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific planning objectives. Weighting factor is 2.**

**Score: 8**

**Comment:** The IRWMP objective is to protect the applicant's service area from droughts, improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water. It aims to achieve these by developing programs for water supply reliability; water conservation and water use efficiency; groundwater recharge, banking, and management projects; contaminant and salt removal; water exchanges and transfers; water reclamation; improvement of water quality; and watershed management planning. The IRWMP objectives do not specifically refer to the statewide priorities. The proposal should have described how the proposed IRWMP addresses major water related conflicts in the region and how the various local projects would work together to achieve the objectives.

**INTEGRATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented how water management strategies will be integrated. Weighting factor is 2.**

**Score: 10**

**Comment:** This application appears to adequately document how water management strategies will be integrated. The proposal lists 17 water management strategies, which would be screened and considered as alternatives to maximize water supply and water quality benefits to meet the IRWMP objectives. The proposal has also identified a number of proposed and existing regional projects that would be integrated into the IRWMP. The project types consist of wastewater treatment, groundwater recharge, desalter, conveyance, storage, conservation etc.

**IMPLEMENTATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately detailed plan implementation. Weighting factor is 2.**

**Score: 4**

**Comment:** The proposal does not have a schedule for IRWMP implementation. It also fails to show any mechanism or process for monitoring the performance. It states that a schedule for actions and also measures for performance monitoring will be prepared after the IRWMP is adopted.

**IMPACTS AND BENEFITS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately presented and documented the impacts and benefits of the Plan. Weighting factor is 2.**

**Score: 10**

**Comment:** This application adequately presents and documents the impacts and benefits of the IRWMP. The applicant states that an evaluation matrix would be used to compare and screen alternatives that meet IRWMP objectives and also to determine their advantages and disadvantages. Regional criteria for impacts/benefits analysis are mentioned and potential impacts and benefits are listed. A plan for compliance with CEQA is the main objective of Phase 3, the grant proposal, which would lead to preparation of a programmatic EIR.

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**DATA AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data and technical analysis components of the proposal. Weighting factor is 1.**

**Score: 5**

**Comment:** This applicant adequately addresses detailed and specific data and technical analysis of the proposal. The applicant has collected data from existing water management plans of its water purveyors and anticipates that more information will be available from ongoing local planning efforts. The IRWMP would also incorporate studies from ongoing and previous regional plans by MWD and SAWPA. The work plan includes demand and supply investigations in Phases 1 and 2, but it would depend largely on technical studies carried out on completed/on-going project alternatives from local plans.

**DATA MANAGEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data management procedures. Weighting factor is 1.**

**Score: 4**

**Comment:** Sources of data and the means of gathering and disseminating them is discussed in the proposal. The applicant does not elaborate on methods and techniques for data management, such as the use of relevant DMSs or data analysis software. The proposal states that data contained in various "sub-regional" plans would be provided to the State for use in statewide planning.

**STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented stakeholder involvement concerns. Weighting factor is 1.**

**Score: 3**

**Comment:** The proposal has listed the applicant's wholesale and retail customers as the primary stakeholders in the planning process. Aside from mentioning that there would be timely meetings, the application does not detail mechanisms to facilitate stakeholder involvement. These are yet to be developed as part of Phase 1 activities. The proposal needs more discussion on all appropriate stakeholders, as well as a process for identifying additional stakeholders in the future. The proposal also fails to address environmental justice concerns.

**DISADVANTAGE COMMUNITIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented disadvantaged community concerns. Weighting factor is 1.**

**Score: 2**

**Comment:** The applicant states that there are areas of its service area that include DACs and included a map showing those areas. However, the basis by which they determined the areas to be DAC is not clear. The applicant does state that it will evaluate how projects from the IRWMP would address the needs of DAC. The proposal did not discuss: 1) if implementation would directly benefit DACs and 2) the supply and water quality needs of the DACs.

**RELATION TO LOCAL PLANNING - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented the Plan's relationship to local planning efforts. Weighting factor is 1.**

**Score: 5**

**Comment:** The proposal has adequately documented the IRWMP's relationship to local planning efforts. The plans of local agencies (water purveyors/wholesale customers) would be coordinated with the development of the IRWMP. The water management strategies of local plans would be reviewed and a database of their projects created to avoid redundancy. The applicant is a member agency of SAWPA; however, SAWPA's authority does not extend into the applicant's Santa Margarita River Watershed area.

**AGENCY COORDINATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented agency coordination issues. Weighting factor is 1.**

**Score: 4**

**Comment:** The application appears to adequately address agency coordination issues. The proposed IRWMP provides for coordination with regional SWP contractors, MWD, RWQCB's Basin Plan, and with the Riverside County General Plan. One of the other plans to be incorporated into the applicant's IRWMP is SAWPA's Integrated Resource Plan. The proposal does not discuss any coordination with State and federal agencies. Also, the applicant does not mention any coordination with the San Jacinto River Watershed Council, whose application covers a small part of the applicant's region.

**TOTAL SCORE: 69**